



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6169

LCO No. 1137

Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:

REP. ALEXANDER, 58th Dist.

REP. VARGAS, 6th Dist.

SEN. KISSEL, 7th Dist.

AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS' COURT PILOT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to create a veterans' court
- 2 pilot program within the Superior Court that is specifically dedicated
- 3 to cases involving veterans charged with low-level felonies and
- 4 misdemeanors and will administer and expand the state's existing
- 5 diversionary program for veterans by helping participating veterans
- 6 obtain counseling, psychiatric and addiction treatment, and other
- 7 benefits and services available from state agencies and the United
- 8 States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent recidivism and rehabilitate veterans who have committed certain crimes by creating a veteran-centered court modeled after those that have been successful in other states, including New York and Texas.